



The Buck Family

U.S. Congressman Mike Pence today announced that Toby and Amy Buck of Anderson have been named the Sixth Congressional District's 2010 "Angels in Adoption," an annual award sponsored by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI). The Bucks were selected for their outstanding advocacy of adoption and commitment to orphans around the world.

In 2001, Amy visited Haiti as a part of a medical missions team. After witnessing the incredible need for adoptive families at an orphanage in the village of Saint Ard, Amy developed a passion for children without families. Toby soon shared that passion, and they adopted an eight year old Haitian boy, Makentoch, in 2005. Since birth, Makentoch had been raised in an orphanage because his mother died soon after delivery. In addition to adopting Makentoch, the Bucks have been strong advocates for adoption in their local community. The Bucks, married in 1988, have four other children: Sarah (19), Malcolm (18), Rachel (17) and Levi (14).

Congressman Pence made the following statement about the Bucks:

"Toby and Amy Buck represent the best of Indiana. Their commitment to faith and family is an inspiration, and their personal tale of adoption is deeply moving. I'm delighted that they are being honored for the extraordinary impact they have had and will continue to

have.

"Family is the bedrock of society and there is no substitute for a nurturing, loving home in giving children an opportunity to succeed in life. The 'Angels in Adoption' program is about recognizing heroes like the Bucks who are fighting for a future where family is the reality, not just a dream, for every child."

BACKGROUND:

The *Angels in Adoption*TM program is CCAI's signature public awareness campaign and provides an opportunity for all Members of the U.S. Congress to honor the good work of their constituents who have enriched the lives of foster children and orphans in the United States and abroad. To submit a nomination for next year's "Angels in Adoption" award, please call Congressman Pence's Anderson office at 765-640-2919.